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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hiroki Kishi : Examiner: Paras D. Shah  
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Appln. No.: 10/656,375 : Group Art Unit: 2626  
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Filed: September 8, 2003 : Confirmation No.: 8246  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD THEREOF : January 12, 2010

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action dated November 13, 2009, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: